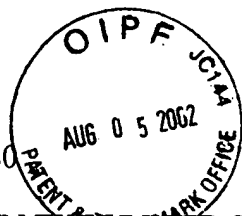


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked

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Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
Exhibit A	ADC Telecommunications "Fiber Cable Management Products", pages 1-147 and cover pages, Second Edition, (10/95)	
Exhibit B	ADC Telecommunications "FL2000 Products", pgs. 1-48, and cover pages, (11/96)	
Exhibit C	ADC Telecommunications catalogue entitled "Fiber Panel Products Second Edition," 117 pages, dated 7/1996.	



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